

NEW MEXICO CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION
WEEK ENDING AUGUST 27, 2017

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Storms during the week resulted in widespread rainfall, limiting the number of days suitable for fieldwork to 4.2, compared with 6.1 days last week, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistical Service, USDA. Above average rainfall was recorded at 25 of the 45 reporting weather stations, with 14 stations accumulating over an inch of moisture. Pasamonte, at 4.81 inches, noted the largest accumulation during the week, followed by Tucumcari and Acme at 3.72 and 3.64 inches, respectively. In Union County, heavy rains led to some flooding that closed roads and damaged some fences. Comments from several counties indicated that producers were having to wait to seed the 2018 winter wheat crop. The chile and hay harvests inched ahead as conditions allowed. By week’s end, 48 percent of the chile crop had been picked, compared with 52 percent last year and a 5-year average of 40 percent. The crop was reported as 55 percent good to excellent, compared with 47 percent last week and 70 percent last year. Statewide, topsoil moisture levels were reported as 85 percent adequate to surplus, compared with 80 percent last week, 27 percent last year, and a 5-year average of 32 percent. Pastures continued to benefit from the boost in soil moisture, as overall, 46 percent were reported in good to excellent condition, compared with 39 percent last week, 28 percent last year, and a 5-year average of 24 percent. Average temperatures ranged from 3 degrees below to 4 degree above normal. Daytime highs varied from 74 degrees at Angel Fire to 97 degrees at Hachita. Overnight lows ranged from 38 degrees at Ocate to 66 degrees at Carlsbad and Roswell. Pecan nut set was reported as 4 percent heavy, 51 percent moderate, and 45 percent light, compared with 4 percent heavy, 60 percent moderate, and 36 percent light last week. Hail damage in all crops was reported as 3 percent severe, 6 percent moderate, and 7 percent light, compared with 3 percent severe, 7 percent moderate, and 7 percent light last week. Wind damage in all crops was reported as 2 percent severe, 2 percent moderate, and 16 percent light, compared with 5 percent severe, 5 percent moderate, and 13 percent light last week. Stock water supplies were reported as 2 percent very short, 18 percent short, 76 percent adequate, and 4 percent surplus, compared with 4 percent very short, 17 percent short, 73 percent adequate, and 6 percent surplus last week.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS				
Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Alfalfa hay				
4 th cutting harvested.....	75	67	68	78
5 th cutting harvested.....	37	34	37	34
6 th cutting harvested.....	3	NA	--	--
Chile				
Green harvested.....	48	43	52	40
Corn				
Silking	95	91	94	95
Dough.....	52	29	58	54
Dented	21	5	12	19
Corn harvested for silage.....	17	15	37	28
Cotton				
Squaring	95	92	100	99
Setting bolls.....	73	62	87	86
Bolls opening	5	--	37	17
Peanuts				
Pegging.....	95	92	89	86
Sorghum				
Headed	57	49	72	55
Coloring	33	24	28	11
Winter wheat				
Planted.....	3	NA	1	1

NA – not available
(--) – zero

DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELDWORK AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION				
Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
Days suitable for fieldwork	4.2	6.1	6.1	6.5
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	3	3	15	26
Short	12	17	58	42
Adequate	73	59	24	31
Surplus	12	21	3	1
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	1	2	17	NA
Short	18	26	38	NA
Adequate	74	64	43	NA
Surplus	7	8	2	NA

NA – not available
(--) – zero

CROP, LIVESTOCK, AND PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION				
	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alfalfa hay				
Very poor.....	1	--	--	3
Poor.....	14	10	4	5
Fair.....	15	12	43	30
Good	60	69	46	52
Excellent	10	9	7	10
Chile				
Very poor.....	1	1	1	NA
Poor.....	7	6	7	NA
Fair.....	37	46	22	NA
Good	43	34	48	NA
Excellent	12	13	22	NA
Corn				
Very poor.....	4	3	2	2
Poor.....	4	4	4	3
Fair.....	27	19	30	32
Good	43	51	47	38
Excellent	22	23	17	25
Cotton				
Very poor.....	1	3	3	2
Poor.....	8	5	25	12
Fair.....	44	39	31	34
Good	38	46	33	36
Excellent	9	7	8	16
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	2	2	3	19
Poor.....	21	25	23	24
Fair.....	31	34	46	33
Good	36	31	25	20
Excellent	10	8	3	4
Peanuts				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	4
Poor.....	4	6	4	14
Fair.....	57	63	73	66
Good	39	31	23	15
Excellent	--	--	--	1
Pecan				
Very poor.....	3	4	--	--
Poor.....	4	4	--	--
Fair.....	5	5	9	19
Good	69	77	53	59
Excellent	19	10	38	22
Sorghum				
Very poor.....	4	1	--	9
Poor.....	2	1	3	10
Fair.....	41	43	77	40
Good	39	48	19	38
Excellent	14	7	1	3
Cattle and calves				
Very poor.....	1	--	2	NA
Poor.....	1	1	4	NA
Fair.....	30	27	37	NA
Good	56	59	52	NA
Excellent	12	13	5	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor.....	3	1	12	NA
Poor.....	5	3	12	NA
Fair.....	25	26	20	NA
Good	59	62	50	NA
Excellent	8	8	6	NA

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New Mexico’s weather data can be accessed at the following:
http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/New_Mexico/Publications/Crop_Progress_&_Condition/2017/NM_Weather_08272017.pdf